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Mr. Barry Serafin
KMOX- TV News
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Serafin,

I have completed a rather lengthy book on the James Earl Ray case. I write you seeking some information you do have and any other information or opinions you may have to offer.

My immediate interest is in your interview with Jerry Ray Thursday, August 14 and your trip to Nashville with him the day before. Aside from what you can tell me, I'd very much appreciate a sound tape of the interview, preferably before editing, if you made a tape at that stage. Any speed and quality will do, just so it is comprehensible.

Did Jerry indicate to you what his brother was about to say before you took him to Nashville?

Do you believe it? I do not. This makes me wonder what and possibly who is behind it.

I am aware of Jerry's racial views. While I find them repugnant, they are his affair and his right. My concern is that they make it easier for him to be manipulated, quite possibly without being aware if it. It would do no decent people any good were he to wind up another of the victims, nor does it help what I want, establishing truth, whatever it is.

I look forward to hearing from you and learning anything you can tell me. If you do not have time to write, please phone me. I will be prepared to tape it so afterward, I will not be unclear about anything you say. I will not quote you or use anything you tell me without your permission.

As I say, I have the book written. What is sought is more knowledge, perhaps betterunderstanding.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg